

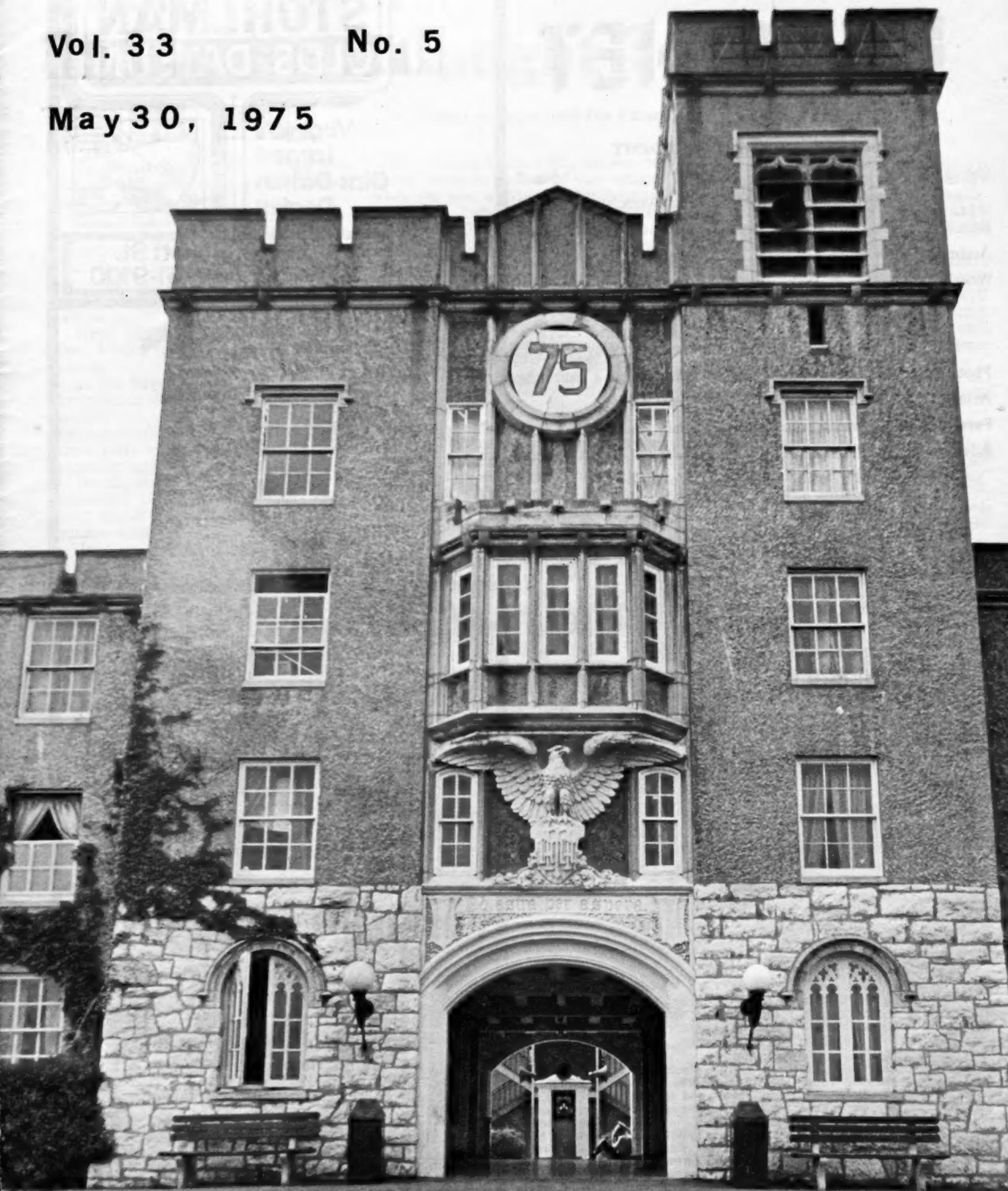
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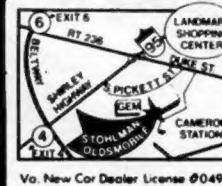
**COVER:** "As the sun sets on an empty barracks . . ." So addresses Col. M. H. Livick to the corps of cadets at the final formation following graduation exercises.

**BACK COVER:** Pass in review. Enjoying themselves at the Battalion cookout at Whitehall, Tom White and Charlie Livick relaxed as the school year began. Football hiked off to a good season. Meanwhile Cross Country was off and running but not running away with any medals. Government students took education on the move as they traveled to Washington, D. C. to watch the action on Capitol Hill. Celebrating SHE STOOPS TO CONQUOR, Alvaro Zayas and the rest of the cast relax at the home of Captain Michael Ridge. Snowbound barracks provided additional entertainment for cadets. Faculty showed spirit, but the junior varsity showed their talent in the annual basketball game. Arch of sabers add to the formality of the Spring Formal. Government Inspection gives the color guard and the corps of Augusta another opportunity to show off their esprit. Seniors Arthur Yuen and Miguel Perez enhance their education as they await graduation.

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AWOL

# Were You Caught?

by Michael Arrington and Jim Favors

Planning on going AWOL? Pack your bag, plan your schedule, and bribe your local dispatcher. Why?

Once AMA has determined that a cadet is AWOL, the dispatcher for the Augusta County Sheriff's Department is notified. It is this office which gives the Academy valuable assistance in apprehending a cadet who is absent without official leave.

While packing and planning may be easy, bribing the dispatcher is an impossibility.

As the **Bayonet** interviewed dispatcher Mary Smith about her interesting and important job, several topics arose. Dispatcher Smith has been a dispatcher for three years with two years experience in Staunton and one year in Harrisonburg.

A dispatcher's main importance is answering the phone and radio, along with dispatching cars when public complaints arise.

In Augusta County there are four dispatchers. Each works an eight hour shift with a relief person for the normal dispatcher's time off. In addition to Ms. Smith are Mrs. Debbie Layton, Ms. Brenda Downs and Deputy Ray Bosserman, who assist in dispatch work.

The funniest incident that has occurred to Ms. Smith in the line of duty occurred while she was working in Harrisonburg. A drunk man came into the Sheriff's department and wanted to see the investigator at 2:00 a.m. She told him to wait, but he pulled a gun and threatened her, and then simply walked out. A deputy was immediately dispatched and apprehended the man.

When she was asked about a dispatcher first emotion when she hears a call from AMA, Ms. Smith said that she knows right away that a boy has run away.

The dispatcher takes the boy's name, address, parents' name, a description of the boy, the clothing he was last seen wearing, and the time he was last seen. The dispatcher then sends this information to all units along with an all points bulletin. Also a bulletin is sent to neighboring counties and the State Police.

County runaways also present a problem. Dispatcher Smith told the **Bayonet** that in the month of April ten county juveniles had run away. During that period only two cadets had gone AWOL.

In comparison to last year the amount

of AWOL's has decreased considerably. Not only do AWOL's concern the Sheriff's department, but any shoplifting, vandalism and other offenses among AMA cadets are handled by the department in Staunton.

If anyone is taken to the Sheriff's department, there is a simple process. First one must fill out several forms. If a cadet is not returned to the Academy, he is sent to the detention home until trial. This is usually in the case of some felony being committed.

The Sheriff's department takes no action against habitual AWOL's because this is the school's responsibility.

When Ms. Smith was asked about her reaction when receiving a call that a habitual offender has gone AWOL, she responded with "Ha, Ha! You're kidding" and "Gee, He's gone again."

If an AWOL occurs and the boy is eighteen years of age or older, the department cannot force him to return to the Academy since he is no longer a juvenile, and no action is taken against him.

Dispatcher Mary Smith was very pleasant and cooperative. Make her life easier. Give her a break. Don't go AWOL!

**DUTY CALLS.** Dispatcher Mary Smith receives a report of a possible car theft. Such frequent calls come through Ms. Smith as she connects the public with the law enforcement officers.



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Downtown

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# Congressman Downing

by Jim Favors and Mike Arrington

No graduation is complete without a speaker, and Augusta is honored to have as the Commencement speaker for the one hundred and tenth graduation the Honorable Thomas N. Downing, United States Representative from the First Congressional District of Virginia.

A graduate of Virginia Military Institute and the University of Virginia Law School, Congressman Downing has represented the Tidewater area of the state for the past sixteen years.

Representing an area which includes the Newport News and Dry Dock Company, Mr. Downing has developed into an advocate of restoring the American flag merchant marine to a position of superiority. The Congressman has, also, worked to increase the exclusive fishing rights limit from three to twelve miles off the coast. He is now attempting to have United States fishing limits extended to 200 miles offshore.

Congressman Downing is presently a member of the Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee and of the Science and Technology Committee.

Mr. Downing accepted the Bayonet's request for an interview and on May 14 in his office in the Rayburn Office Building, the Congressman responded to the queries of the Bayonet.

**Q: How do you feel about public aid to private schools?**

A: I have mixed thoughts about that. I realize the value of the private schools, and the tremendous service they perform in preparing young people for later life. The whole fact is that there is just so much money to go around. Where as I would like to see these private schools get federal money, I do not at this time think it is feasible.

**Q: What do you feel is the primary purpose of the private school today?**

A: I think private schools today supplement the public schools, and probably furnish a better education than you can get in a public school. It is supplemental and sometimes necessary additional education for young people.

**Q: Do you feel the quality of education in America is decreasing both in public and private schools?**

A: Not necessarily. I think that the education that young people receive now is of much higher quality than say I received in another generation. I feel it can always be improved, but I think the quality of education is fairly stable.

**Q: What do you feel is the primary problem of private schools today?**

A: Money!

**Q: What steps do you feel should be taken to lower gasoline prices?**

A: The more production you can obtain the better chance you have of lowering prices. I don't believe we will see any lowering in the price of gasoline within the next five to ten years. The fact that the price of gasoline is high stimulates the research and development of other forms of energy. I think that we could become self-sufficient in energy by 1985 or 1990 at which time we will be using solar energy for the heating and air conditioning of homes. We will probably be using alternative energies, such as the oil from shale, and perhaps another form of energy can be found in organic matter. Just recently we have authorized and appropriated money to do the necessary research and development so that these new additional and supplemental energies can be obtained by the late 1980's.

**Q: What do you feel is the direction of the economy, upward or downward?**

A: I believe that we have hit bottom and we are perhaps bouncing back up. There are certain indications that give me an optimistic feeling. They say the Stock Market usually precedes the economy by six months. As you know, the Stock Market has been generally going up for the past three or four weeks, and although unemployment will probably creep up, I do see signs that the economy is coming back.

**Q: What is your opinion of Arabs investing in American corporations?**

A: A limited amount of investment is all right, but if they invest to the extent that they control the industry, I feel

that this could be very dangerous. I have a bill which would limit the investment of foreigners in our seafaring industry and American fishing industry to twenty-five percent. Recently the English have acquired over one-third of the Manhattan fleet on the Atlantic coast. The Japanese are coming into the market now.

If we extend our boundaries two hundred miles out to sea, this will be an added attraction for foreign investment because the resource is there, and they know they can get a good return on their money. I think we should be extremely wary about foreign investment in American enterprise.

**Q: Which do you feel is more important, mining of industrial necessities or preserving our natural resources?**

A: We must become self-sufficient in certain minerals that are necessary to keep this country running. For instance, manganese. We import now ninety-eight percent of all the manganese which we need for the production of steel. This manganese is now coming from primarily four countries, who are already forming a cartel such as OPEC, and they are already setting a floor on the price of manganese, copper and cobalt. This country has the capabilities to mine manganese in the deep seas, and we are going toward that end.

You must have mining if you are going to have a stable government. The environment we want to protect as much as we can. Perhaps the two can go hand in hand without damage to either.

**Q: Are you in favor of creating more national parks and wildlife areas?**

A: I feel that national parks are just great, but for the time being I think that we have enough. The government has enough land that they can develop



# to Speak at Graduation

without acquiring new lands.

**Q: Where do you think that government control of private industry ends?**

A: The government is more and more involving itself in not only business and industry but in our personal lives. When government takes the business over completely then you have changed your form of government. I think every young person should be aware of the fact that the government is, not willfully, not intentionally, encroaching in all forms of our businesses and our own personal lives. This should be guarded against. I think it should be stopped wherever possible. That is what I have tried to do in the years I have been up here. I cannot say that I have been overwhelmingly successful, however.

**Q: Do you think the United States needs to recreate work projects as the WPA and the CCC?**

A: I think that we should pursue that. Back in the 1930's the CCC was developed, and this was a tremendous help to the economy then and also to the young people. It gave them some discipline; it gave them some work to do; it gave them some money; and it took us through

a very difficult period. Now if unemployment gets much higher and if the economy stagnates, then I believe we should go forward with the plans to develop such things as WPA and CCC and other help organizations.

**Q: In the view of the poor situation of railroads and airlines, can you envision nationalization of these?**

A: Yes, down the road a bit though. Railroads are absolutely vital to the economic health of this nation. I have been told that if the railroads were to stop for as little as four days the national economy would go down the drain. If the railroad can't make it on an individual business basis, the government would have to take over. The same goes for the airlines. I think this would probably be the first industry to be nationalized. But I do not see that for another fifteen to twenty years.

**Q: Are you in favor of this?**

A: No, I would very much oppose it, but if it becomes necessary, it has to be. England found out that they could not operate their railroads on an individual basis so they eventually took them over. I hope that this would not happen to us now.

**Q: Congressman Downing has introduced a bill to reopen the investigation of the John F. Kennedy assassination.**

A: I showed the Zapruder film to over one hundred congressmen, and they were pretty impressed. It is a dramatic piece of evidence. The film stimulates thinking. There is other evidence that is creeping up now to indicate that the Warren Report was probably wrong when it resolved that President Kennedy was assassinated by one man, Lee Harvey Oswald, alone and unassisted. It would appear from the Zapruder film that at least two people were firing at the President from opposite directions. We are going to press for a hearing before the Rules Committee, and hopefully they will look upon it favorably. The House of Representatives would then form a select committee to reinvestigate the entire Warren Commission Report and the assassination of the President.

**Q: What do you think Jack Ruby had to do with the assassination?**

A: It is not known, but Ruby was not the patriotic American who killed Oswald in a fit of rage. He probably did it deliberately for some reason we do not now know.

**MR. CONGRESSMAN.** At ease in his office, Congressman Thomas N. Downing expresses his concern for the future direction of the United States.



Senior class picnic at Todd Lake on Friday May 16 began the festivities for the one hundred and tenth graduating class of Augusta.

This pre-exam trek into the woods allowed the impending graduates to forget the worries and cares of daily life for a few brief hours. Examinations, after all, began in only ten short days.

Closing exercises began on Friday with drill team exhibitions by both the Roller Rifles and the Junior Roller Rifles. Refreshments were served on the library lawn following the Sponsors and Graduates Parade.

On the evening of 30 May the annual meeting of the Ciceronian Literary Society will be held. Under the direction of English Department chairman, Lt. Kenneth Pfeifer, recitations from both upper and lower school will be heard. Awards will then be presented for outstanding academic, athletic and military performances.

With the Baccalaureate Service and the Closing Exercises following one right after another, those attending will have the opportunity to hear two noted speakers. For the service at Augusta Stone Church the Rev. Philip A. Roberts from Massanetta Springs, Inc. in Harrisonburg will speak. The Honorable Thomas N. Downing, member of Congress from the First Congressional District of Virginia will deliver the Commencement Address. Also speaking will be Arthur Yuen, class valedictorian.

After the presentation of Ad Astra Per Aspera Awards, the corps will move to the blacktop in front of barracks for the final formation.

Thus ends the one hundred and tenth academic year of Augusta Military Academy. The sun may set on an empty barracks but only for a short period as summer session opens on 15 June and Session 111 commences on 17 September.



# Evaluations '75

## Faculty

by Glenn Keller

Compared with one hundred and nine other years how does the year 1974-1975 look?

Cadets have opinions galore, but are they the ones who really know? To find out the **Bayonet** talked with Col. Charles Savedge, Col. John Dekle and Major John Dompe.

When Major Dompe was asked how his first year at Augusta had gone, he stated that, "I learned a lot." He feels that from what he has learned, he can make various changes in Military Department policy.

One program he hopes to initiate next year will be classes for the officers upon their return to school. Though these, he

hopes to get them better acquainted with what is expected of them. Another big change is that cadets will be required to salute cadet officers. When asked what he thought the biggest problems were, he cited lack of school spirit and self-pride.

On the other hand, Col. John Dekle felt that this has been a good year in general. He felt that overall the corps had a better attitude and that there were fewer big discipline problems this year. Putting aside the problem children, he said that he liked what he saw in this year's corps. As far as AMA's future is concerned, he seemed optimistic stating that "there is a need for military

schools and that this year has been a year in which we have moved back toward the type of corps we would like to have."

Col. Charles E. Savedge, Dean of Students, felt that the academic attitude of the students has seen a definite improvement over last year. When asked whether he felt that the atmosphere at AMA was conducive to learning, he pointed to the small classes, study hall, and dedication of the faculty.

Now based on what is written above, one can conclude that this year has definitely been an improvement. And things look even brighter for next year.

## Students speak out

by James Favors

Many cadets have expressed their opinions, whether they be good or bad, throughout the school year. Now as the school year comes to an end, many good comments have been expressed on this school year, and how it has improved. Two cadets, one old and one new, gave their opinions on the past nine months.

**Q: How has the year gone for you?**

A: Old cadet, Tom White commented, "This has been a fairly decent year, but it could have been improved by people engaging in more school spirit."

**Q: How would you compare this school year with past years?**

A: White, now in the tenth grade, thought that there has not been enough school spirit. The leaders of the corps have been inconsistent throughout the year. Because of this the majority of the people don't care.

**Q: Has cadet participation in sports increased or decreased?**

A: "This year sports participation has decreased because there are only a handful of people who have a positive attitude in the corps.", according to this old cadet.

**Q: How do you feel the Mess Hall has been supervised?**

A: Quantity of food varies with each meal depending on what is served. When we do have a favorite, the quantity decreases. The cadet waiters have been doing a good job, but Major Evans should come up with a faster means of serving the food so that the CW's could serve the corps more efficiently.

**Q: Has the faculty improved compared to previous years?**

A: "Yes", replied Tom. "I feel that they have improved. The faculty has been working together to improve the academics and to give a greater deal of individual attention to each cadet. For an example, the teamwork of the English and Reading Departments has been very efficient."

Turning to a new cadet to gain his views on his first year at Augusta, the Bayonet learned that he had an optimistic viewpoint on his time here.

**Q: How do you feel the year has gone for you?**

A: For new cadet Barry Tabol it has gone very well. "Even though this place is boring, military wise I think I have accomplished a great deal. It doesn't help my sex life at all!"

**Q: Do you feel that AMA has improved your study habits?**

A: New cadet Tabol commented, "Last year I had a D average, but since I have been at AMA, I have made Honor Roll once and Privilege List twice. Also I have seen a great improvement in other subjects."

**Q: Would you recommend AMA to your friends?**

A: "If I ever get married and have children, I would definitely not send them here. As for my friends, I do not think that any of them have thought of going to a military school."

**Q: What was your impression of a military school before coming to AMA?**

A: Barry stated that he thought of it as a military concentration camp, somewhat like a Marine boot camp with classes. But when I came to AMA, it was not as strict as I thought that it would be. This set my mind at ease.

**Q: What could be done for the betterment of AMA?**

A: According to this new cadet, AMA should drop military, go coed, completely remodel it to make it more like home, and charge an extra \$500.00 for tuition. These are the only things that he thinks could make AMA a happier, healthier place to spend a school year.

# Good-bye old friend

by David Langley

Some swore it was held together by old wads of chewing gum or that twenty year old coat of paint as they flocked to their alma mater to say good-bye to a friend, the old infirmary. Saying bon voyage was not hard, for they, the alumni, had provided a new replacement. The fund drive and the planning of this building gave purpose to the Alumni Association which was organized in 1970.

Busy was the schedule of events for this monumental weekend, 3-4 May. Saturday morning saw it move into full swing. Alumni registration started at 8:30 followed by a meeting of the Board of Directors and a tour of the facilities.

At 10:00 the annual business meeting was held in the gymnasium. At this time seniors were inducted into the association by Mr. Seymour Wilks, president. Other high points of the meeting included the Superintendent's Annual Report which was delivered by Col. Malcolm H. Livick. Marvin E. Gordon reported on the new

infirmary. The alumni also presented a gift to Mr. Ernest Jones for faithful service as their secretary from 1970-1975.

Roller Rifle exhibition and a parade were viewed by the alumni. This allowed the chance to stand review of a new corps and reminisce about the old ones.

Construction of the new infirmary completed and destruction of the old well under way brought tears of joy to the eyes of those who now surrounded their dream come true. The occasion was the dedication of the Alumni Memorial Infirmary. After a short prayer by Dr. James R. Kennedy of the Augusta Stone Church, Col. Livick started the proceedings with his introduction of Mr. Wilks, who delivered a speech on the continuation of the fund drive for the new infirmary.

The high point came when Col. Charles E. Savige delivered his speech on the history of Augusta, emphasizing the fact

that the school has and always will be demanding. The culmination of the ceremonies came after the benediction by Dr. Kennedy. This allowed the alumni to tour their new investment and marvel over its magnificence.

Growling stomachs then found their way to the Mess Hall or to the cookout in the case of the cadets. After this many alumni were ready for a rest, so it was back to the motel room until 6:00 when the dinner dance at the Holiday Inn began. This function drew some 136 people and topped off the weekend.

Nine a.m.! Who rises that early on a Sunday? The alumni and their wives or dates did to inspect the rooms of the cadet corps, which brought endless reminiscences from the alumni. The conclusion of all functions came with church attendance by the corps and the alumni, who went to the church of their choice.

This was the culmination of the illustrious fifth annual alumni weekend.

## Camping Company

by Greg Economou

Before one begins to go camping one should always have a check list. For those who cannot make up their minds, here's a list of things that could make the trip a little more enjoyable.

### A Girl Scout Camp

#### "A" Company

Sergeant Studer

Major Dompe

Food

Gear

Flash light

Extra clothes

Branches with leaves

a fifth of Scotch

All of the above mentioned are essential. Many, many wonder why, but as one reads, it will become evident.

People are needed to go camping so take "A" Company along. Now one might ask, "Why do we need "A" Company?" The answer is obvious. So Major Dompe and Sergeant Donald Studer will have someone to look after.

The first order of business once you arrive at a Girl Scout camp is to secure your gear. For those who don't know

how, here's a method which has never failed. Open the door to the hut, clear hut of all living things, then heave gear in the most convenient direction. Believe it; it works.

Once that is accomplished, you should really check to see if the flashlight batteries work. A simple test for this is to wait until the hut is dark and then try to find the gear. If you forgot where you threw it, merely turn on your flashlight. Should you find your gear within five minutes, you know that your batteries are fine. If not, try groping around; you'll find the gear sooner or later. Of course, the easy way to check the batteries is out because on this trip we're roughing it.

Before the sun sets, it would be a great idea to employ Camping rule # 1 — Start fire. An easy way to do that is to gather anything that will burn (no witches, please). Now that is done, the hard part comes. If you're a good woodsman, start rubbing two sticks together. If not, cheat. Many learned that lighter fluid and matches work just as well.

By now you should really be hungry.

If not, run up the nearest mountain. You'll be hungry then. Since this is the reader's first camping trip (or else, why read this), we'll make it easy. Bring your own food. The problem is eating it. The proper outdoor menu is beans with anything of your choice.

Once you recover from your gastronomical shock, prepare for the following. Camping rule # 2 — All night guard details. The only advice concerning guard duty is to wear running shoes. If you've never heard noises in the night before this, this is no time to begin.

Extra clothes do come in handy. You may not think so, but if you had to sit in the middle of a river to keep the persuer away, you'd enjoy dry clothes once you're out.

More handy than extra clothes are branches with leaves. The next time you are striped in the woods, you'll feel better camouflaged.

As far as the fifth of Scotch, it is for Major Dompe and Sgt. Studer. Anyone who would take "A" Company camping deserves a little more than "A" Company's thanks.

# Spring Sports

## Lacrosse Everyone

by Glenn Keller

With no junior varsity lacrosse team on the spring agenda, all cadets interested in lacrosse were forced to turn to the varsity. Even with this in mind, many were surprised when over forty people showed up at the first full practice. However, no one was surprised when only about twenty-three made it through the season.

Practices started in mid-February for an opening game with Woodberry Forest. Beaten 19-3 and 12-3 by this team the previous year, everyone knew they were in for some work. The only thing that deterred coaches Col. Dave Rapp and Sgt. Sivert Josephson from holding practice was a blizzard. Rain or shine, practices were held. Within a week the rough practices had whittled the team down to size and some team spirit began to set in. The result was, unlike last year, a team that wanted to win.

As the Woodberry game drew near, things began to mold and some confidence was gained. The team took the field against Woodberry Forest apprehensive but nonetheless determined. Despite the determination the more experienced Orangeman were victorious 15-3. However, everyone played his best and Woodberry Forest went home with some bruises for their money.

After two more defeats at the hands of a powerful Mercersburg team, 10-2, and after playing a hard game with Charlottesville High School 8-5, the Streaks encountered Fork Union. Overconfidence in the early going gave FUMA two quick goals. Things were soon under control and with Larry Nicholson leading the attack and John Tyminski leading the defense, the Streaks racked up twelve goals to FUMA's three.

A second encounter with Woodberry Forest produced another loss, 14-3. Then sixteen days between Woodberry Forest and a rematch with FUMA proved too much. Spirit dropped and the team found it harder to function. Despite this disadvantage, the Blue Streaks came alive and burned in eight goals to Fork Union's two.

Going against more experienced players everywhere they looked, the players are certainly to be commended for showing determination against more experienced opponents and for never letting it get them down.



**GOAL!** Doug Brannon practices vigorously, as did each member of the team, as all strived to the goal of winning the big game.

## Tennis Anyone

by Christopher Vetick

New coach and new players began a fresh season for tennis.

Lt. Kenneth Pfeifer, along with his assistants, Lt. Stuart Seaton and Lt. Gordon Coleman, entered practices for this season with an opening match with rival Staunton Military Academy staring upon them. One practice and there was Staunton!

Inclement weather and penalty became the two most formidable opponent as the season progressed. In spite of loss of practice time, Coach Pfeifer felt that the team has improved. Also, he felt that a more dedicated attitude would have helped the team.

While not having a winning season, the players who have remained consistent should be commended for their efforts. Standouts include John Smith and Felix Montes as well as Larry Nicholson and Andres Ayau, who have taken time from the lacrosse team to aid their fellow athletes in tennis.

## Baseball Team A new one

by Christopher Vetick

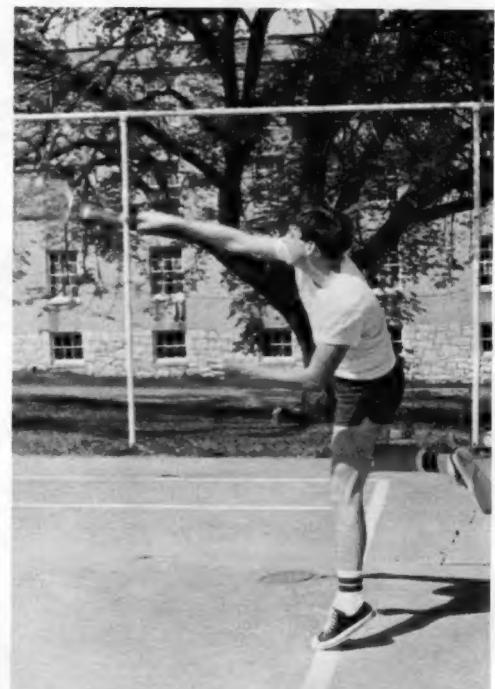
Winning games? No! Impossible! But it did happen.

New life appeared in the baseball team and a 500 percent increase was seen in the team's win-loss record.

Coaching was Col. Malcolm H. Livick, who decided to direct the team. Practices were usually held at nearby Weyers Cave because of the inundation of the back field. Daily practices, including some weekends, proved effective for the team's success.

After a season opening loss to Staunton Military Academy, 7-6, the team closed with a victory of 8 to 2 over Fishburne Military Academy.

Hard work by Col. Livick and exceptional playing by pitcher Wayne Frantz, shortstop John Arthur, and first baseman Miguel Perez enabled baseball at Augusta to start the long, hard road to recovery.



**DOING HIS BEST**, John Smith attempts to put fear into his opponent as he serves.

